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**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended.


Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kawakami. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the second housing element is operatively connected to the first housing element and configured to be operable between open and closed positions. Support for amendment is found in the figure 1. Kawakami discloses a lever bracket 2 having a clamp 2a attachable to a handlebar. The bracket 2 includes an indicator 20 having a scale panel 21 covered by a plastic cover 23. To gain access to the opening of the clamp 2a, the indicator 20 is disassembled, not operable between open and closed positions. Further, the scale panel 21 of Kawakami does not form a one-piece integral element with the clamp 2a or the plastic cover 23. For these reasons, the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-14 were rejected as claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Since claims 2-14 depend directly or indirectly from and contain all the limitations of claims 2-14 as amended, they are felt to overcome the obviousness rejection in the same manner as amended claim 1.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the Examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

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